SIX MONTHS WEDNESDAY, DEC. 30, 1896.

The latest information from Cuba says that Maceo is not dead. It seems a difficult matter to get the truth from Cuba. The total number of pardons issued by Governor Evans during the year 1896,

not including the sentences commuted, aggregate a total of sixty-five Those gentlemen who are anxious to fight for Cuba will find it a comparatively easy matter to get to the Island, and

they can count upon a cordial reception from the Cubans. The nimble pistol was very much in evidence throughout the country during

the Christmas holidays, judging from the newspaper reports. The legal authorities cannot institute a better crusade than one against concealed weapons. It is the general impression that Mr. McKinley, when he comes to make his Cabinet appointments, will select at least

one of his advisers from the South. It has been hinted that he may give two Southern men places in his Cabinet. The women do not possess full sufirage in Kansas, but they secured more public offices in the last election than did the women of Utah or Colorado-twenty county superintendencies of public in-

struction, and all the offices from mayor to chief of police in two cities. The Legislature convenes in Columbia next Tuesday week, and the members are receiving considerable advice in the State papers as to what they should do. There is a general opinion that the dispensary law will be amended in some of

its features, and there is talk of redis-

tricting the State. Governor-elect Ellerbe will soon be in that he is going to make a model Governor, that he will know no faction, and be a Governor of the whole people. He has the greatest opportunity of his life, and if he will grasp it he can surely make a worthy record for himself.

There will be a National Congress of Mothers at Washington in February. There is an atmosphere of sentiment, it on top of the burning train. about this which is very attractive. That "the hand that rocks the cradle is the hand that rules the world" will, no doubt, be well illustrated by the gathering of American motherhood in the capital city. John R'ttenberry, ankle broken.

A paragraph is going the rounds of the State press to the effect that the Legislature will ignore the primary vote in the Senatorial election and elect Gov. Evans as Senator in place of the regular nominee, Hon. J. H. Earle. We do not believe any such stuff. Every Democrat in the Legislature who would be a party to such an outrage would be a perjurer, and could be indicted and punished as such.

Representative Boatner, of La., who will not be a member of the next Conthe Speaker's salary from \$8,000 to \$10,000 a year, and Senators and Representatives from \$5,000 to \$7,500 While a majority in Congress would probably like to see this bill become a law, there is no likelihood that a majority will vote for it, because they know the prevailing idea is that the salaries paid are already equal to, if not in excess, of the value of the services rendered.

Secretary Carlisle puts several large punctures in the windy pretense of the Republicans that tariff tinkering is a necessary precedent to the safe conduct of the Government and to prosperity. The Secretary shows that the balance in the Treasury is ample to prevent embarrassment under ordinary conditions for a long time to come. He shows that the revenues are steadily increasing and the deficiency, despite extraordinary expenditures, is steadily decreasing and the cutlook is favorable for a continued improvement in collections which will bring the two ends together, unless Congress plunges into extravagant appropriations.

It is suggested in the Scientific Ameri can that on January 1, 1900, a new division of the years into thirteen months be instituted. It is claimed that this is not so preposterous as most people would be likely to consider it at the first thought. If such a division were made, the first twelve months would have just twentyeight days or four weeks each, and the new month twenty-nine, to make 365, and thirty in leap years. After a few days there would be no need to refer to calendars, as the same day of the week would have the same date through the year. If January 1 were, say Monday, every Monday would be the 1st,8th, 15th and 22d; every Tuesday the 2J, 9th, 16th and 23d, so on through the year. The changes of the moon would be on about the same dates through the year, and many calculations, like interest, dates of maturing notes, Easter Sunday and many other important dates would be simplified. Although the present generation would have to figure new dates for birthdays and all legal holidays, except New Year's would be on different dates, yet the gain would be more than the loss, as that would be permanent and the objections trifling.

Death of Mrs. Joseph E. Brown. Atlanta Journal, Dec. 26

Mrs. Elizabeth Brown, the venerable and beloved widow of the late ex-Governor and ex-Senator Joseph E. Brown, died peacefully at her home on Washington street this morning at a quarter after six o'clock.

Her illness, which was a combined inflammation of the stomach and bowels, was brief and comparatively painless, and she passed away in perfect peace and quiet, surrounded by her devoted and grief-stricken children. The news of Mrs. Brown's death will

be a severe shock not only to her friends in Atlanta but to the people of all Georgia, by whom she was tenderly beloved. and to legions of people throughout the United States with whom she came in contact during her distinguished husband's long public career.

Mrs. Brown would have been 71 years old had she lived until the 13th of next July. She was, before her marriage, Miss Elizabeth Gresham, daughter of the Rev. Joseph Gresham, of Pendleton, S. C., and married Joseph Emerson Brown in 1847, on her 21st birthday. The young couple lived in Canton, Ga, where Mr. Brown was then teaching school, until 1857, when he was elected Governor of Georgia, which office he continued to fill for four consecutive terms-an hono which has been achieved by no other

Georgian. It was during her residence at Milledgeville, then the Capitol of the State, as the wife of the war Governor, that | multiply that figure several times. Mrs. Brown made her first deep impression on the minds of the Georgia people. Her wisdom, her kindness, her unostentation and her deep sympathy with the poor and bereaved was universally recontact during those dark days.

A Railroad Massacre.

BIRWINGHAM, ALA., December 27 .- A bad wreck occurred between 7 and 8 o'clock this morning on the Birmingham Mineral Road. The road is a loop that goes all over this part of the country, taking in the mines and furnaces. The have the contract for building the stone wreck occurred at the Cahaba bridge, dam that is to furnish the power for genabout 50 miles from Birmingham, be- erating the electricity to be used by the ween Guernee and Blocton. The bridge s about 1,000 feet long and about 100 feet ligh. The train jumped the track from some unknown cause and plunged off the restle to the rocks below.

As to the number of passengers on poard the reports conflict, but as near as can be ascertained twenty-three were killed, and only one man, the fireman, escaped alive. Later reports places the number of passengers aboard the ill-fated rain at from thirty to thirty-five, and only two escaped. It is said that seven of them were taken out alive, but in a dving condition. The wreck caught fire and many unfortunate victims were burned to death. The scene of the wreck presented a

most heart-rending and sickening spectacle. The cars were smashed to splinters on the rocks fully 100 feet below the track from which the train had been hurled. The groans of the injured and the lamentations of those who crowded around were pitiable in the extreme. Physicians from Birmingham and vicinity gave every aid in alleviating the suffering of those who escaped with life.

The bridge was a ponderous wood structure with an iron span of two hunired feet in the centre and just at the beginning of the iron work train wreckers had pulled the spikes and removed one of the rails. When the engineer discovered this, as was evident from the position of his throttle and reverse lever, he immediately attempted to stop, but was running at such a rate of speed as to carry down the bridge. Every evidence showed that train wreckers had been at

As soon as the news was received here both the Louisville & Nashville and Southern railroads sent out relief trains loaded with physicians and others, and everything possible was done for those who were fortunate enough to get out of reach of the flames, which quickly consumed all of the coaches and a part of the the Executive chair, and it is believed | bridge. Many of those killed were completely charred beyond recognition.

The exact number who perished will never be known, but it is thought that it will reach thirty-five.

To cap the climax one of the relief trains, which left here, ran into the rear end of the wrecking train, which was stopped about one hundred and fifty feet from the bridge, and came near knocking

In this accident the following were injured: Sam Eastis, will die: William Rast, will die; Wood Campbell, leg bro ken; Charles Elston, legs badly hu:

ANOTHER ACCOUNT. BIRMINGHAM, ALA., December 27 .-One of the most disastrous wrecks in the history of the Southern railroads happened thirty-six miles south of here this morning at 7:30 o'clock in which twentyeight persons were killed outright and ten others injured, two of whom will die. The ill-fated train was a Louisville & Nashville accommodation which runs from here to Blocton, a distance of forty

The train left here at 5:30 in charge of P. Connell. Four miles north of Blocton the entire train, made up of an engine, baggage and two passenger coaches, crashed through a bridge seven hundred feet long and one hundred and twenty feet high into the Cahaba River.

A rail hal been removed from the track, and when the engine struck this three hundred and sixty feet of the bridge gave way and went down with the train. Immediately the wreck took fire, the water being only about three feet deep, and before sufficient help could be obtained the unfortunate passengers and rainmen who were pinioned under the debris were burned to death in sight of the other unfortunates.

Some of the passengers not so badly hurt managed to crawl out and do all they could in assisting others, but it was

of little avail. The dead are: Frank White, engineer, of Birmingham; George Carney, flagman, of Birmingham; Tom Streeter, colored, of Birmingham; A. P. Connell, conductor, of Birmingham; Jordon Powell, wife and eight children, of Blocton; Mrs. Henry Hanberry and two children, of Birmingam; James Boling, express messenger, of Guthrie, Ky .; L. W. Martin, of Brookwood; Bruce Philips, of Blocton; S. W. Tibbs and wife, of Campbelltown; Audrew Bryson, of Blocton; George Glendall, of Helena, and four others, uniden-

The injured are: Ed Echols, slightly: Henry Hanberry, ribs broken; Powell child, feet badly burned; Mrs. Walker, of Blocton, internally injured, will die; Mrs. Walker's three children, slightly; Miss Booth, of Blocton, internally, will die: Stan Stewart, arm broken.

ATLANTA, GA., December 27 .- A special to the Constitution from Birmingham says the bodies of twenty-seven have been taken from the wreck at Blocton, nine survivers, all badly injured. Many of the bodies are so badly burned that they cannot be recognized. The train contained men, women and children living at the mines, who had gone to Birmingham to spend Christmas and were returning home.

A Genuine Fiction of the Law.

There is no better law on our statute books than that against the carrying of concealed weapons, and yet the enforcement of it is a regular farce. Occasionally some poor, unfortunate devil is snatched up and fined or imprisoned for carrying a concealed weapon, while there are hundreds of men and boys in this civilized country defiantly carrying pistols in their nip pockets every day in the week and Sunday, too. The carrying of pistols by wild, reckless boys has got to be a common practice, in fact, no real fast lad or young man of the present fast age doesn't think he is "fixed" unless he has a "gun" in his hip pocket and a cigarette stuck n his mouth.

The ready pistol has been the cause of great many cold-blooded murders that therwise never would have occurred. It s true there is no danger whatever from very large majority who carry pistols simply for a bluff, some of whom havn't actually got the requisite amount of grit o pull a setting hen off from her nest, and wouldn't use their pistols only to disturb the peace and quiet of the community, or to shoot some barking dog on one of the back streets. There is no danger from this class, but there are others who will shoot whenever they think the provocation sufficient, and that is why the carrying of pistols should be stopped, and we do hope the next Legislature will take steps for the more rigid enforcement of this law for the preservation of human life. - Darlingtonian.

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BROYLES, Amerison County, Decem ber 22 .- Two miles from here, at Portman's Shoals, on the Seneca River, is the construction camp of Watkins & Hardaway, the Birmingham company, who Anderson Water, Light and Power Com-

It is not proposed here to speak of the magnitude of the enterprise involved in the construction of this electrical plant or of its effect upon the industrial future of Anderson and Anderson County, great as all that is, but rather to write of the doings of the "bad niggers" there and hereabouts. A short time ago a woman at the dam took the law and a repeating rifle into her own hands and fired a bullet through the head of a young negro man employed around the place. The same bullet, after quitting the boy's head, cut a groove around the cranium of another colored .coman standing near. The wo man, who did the shooting, skipped, and the boy has since lain in a semi-paralyzed condition, but with increasing chances of recovery, as stated by the doctors having the case in hand.

Within the last few days another shooting scrape has occurred there but without probably fatal results. A company of colored men operated a traveling gin through this locality this fall and finally went to sawing lumber here. A few days ago one of the bosses bore rather heavily on one of the hands and essayed to emphasize his remarks with a club, but he was too slow, and got laid out with a cant hook, at the hands of the sable employee. That night the laid out man's sons, three or four in number, and notorious as rowraisers, repaired to the cant hook man's house and after thoroughly intimidating everything on the place with a fusilade of pistol shots, proceeded to give their victim such a whipping as sent him to the magistrate and then to Georgia.

Pete Blackwell, a Townville negro, who in slavery days belonged to a brother of Gen. John H. Morgan, of Confederate cavalry fame, and who is no doubt the biggest fool nigger in South Carolina, recently got his young son out of the county jail, where he was serving a fifteen days' sentence for fighting, by selling the only fat hog he had .- News and Courier.

Seven Constables in Jail for Murder ask for Bail.

COLUMBIA, December 22.-It is not very unusual for dispensery constables to be implicated in killing affairs. It is a natural sequence, it would appear, of the enforcement of the dispensary law by a constabulary force. It is, however, somewhat noteworthy that two contingents of constables and their posses are now in jail in different sections of the State, and that they are both anxious to get out on bail to spend the Christmas holidays. The day also developed another curious fact in connection with these killing affairs, the result of the enforcement of the dispensary law. The executive department telegraphed three of the constables in jail in Spartanburg to employ counsel and apply to the Supreme Court for bail, while in Columbia Mr. Townsend, in behalf of Solicitor Johnson, was resisting a motion for bail.

The facts of the killing of Kelly in Chesterfield County are familiar to the readers of the News and Courier. Under Swinnie was charged with the killing, and Constables Geo. Just Brown, D. Preston Douglass and J. H. Chapman are held on the charge of being accessories before and after the fact of the homi-

Solicitor Johnson asked Assistant At torney General Townsend to appear for him in the case, and Mr. Townsend in his argument presented positions that will certainly be of interest. He said that the evidence offered all showed that Constable Brown did not take out a warrant and that he summoned a posse to assist him in the seizure of the contraband goods Kelly was suspected of having in his possession. Mr. Townsend took the position, and cited authorities and argument, that a constable has no right whatever to summon a posse to assist in the seizure of contraband or other liquors, especially when he has no warrant. If Constable Brown had had a warrant for the arrest of Kelly, then he would have had the right to summon a posse but he certainly had no right to summon a posse for the seizure of contraband goods, and on this line he argued that the members of the posse were volunteers and responsible for their actions. He argued that it was not shown by the testimony that the dead man had drawn a weapon or that he had any intention of using a pistol. Mr. Townsend said that Constable Brown seemed to have known that Kelly was coming with the contraband goods, and he should have gotten out a warrant, before attempting to do what he did, but on the other hand he gets three volunteers and stations himself along the road, and,

so to speak, holds up Kelly. Mr. Kennedy, who appeared for the parties soliciting bail, said that the constables had a common law right to summon the posse, and that as to the warrant, that had Brown spent time trying to get the warrant, Kelley and his liquor would have escaped. The warrant, he said, was gotten out as soon as possible. He said that as soon as the men told Kelly to stop that he reached down to draw his pistol, and that had the posse not shot when it did some of them would certainly have been killed, as Kelly was a dangerous man, and had given warning that he would kill the first constable or any one else who interfered with him.

The arguments were longer than customary, and at the conclusion of the speaking the Chief Justice announced that the Court would take a brief recess, after which it would announce its decision, which was that each of the defendants was entitled to bond in the sum of \$1,500

The other case of constables wanting to get out was from Spartanburg. Constable J. A. May telegraphed Governor Evans to this effect:

"Crawford, Buice and myself in jail in Spartanburg. Please have us carried to Columbia " The constables were telegraphed to em-

ploy counsel and have him apply to the Supreme Court for bail. The constables are connected with the killing of Simms, in the "Dark Corner" section of the The "great step toward prohibition,"

commonly and more popularly known as the dispensary, has been shipping out from one thousand to fifteen hundred cases of liquor every day to supply the Christmas trade. A large portion of this daily sale is to the dispensaries in Columbia.-News and Courier.

- Miss Carrie Osler, of Michigan, beta

housand kisses on the election with a young man. Apparently it made no great difference whether she won or lost, \$12,135,800 for 1894. but as a matter of record, it may be said she lost, having backed Mr. Bryan. State Board of Control, has paid into the There seems to have been no difficulty or | State treasury the \$25,000 promised by the which the two recent storms precipitated | hesitation about payment, but a dispatch | 1st of January. The business of the Disupon New York city has cost over announces an unexpected hitch in the pensary has been so large recently that it proceedings in these words: "The couple were making excollent progress toward | made as time passes .- Columbia Register the payment of the wager when a dispute arose over alleged inaccuracies in the in America amounts to considerably over tally, and a recount is now being taken." - Corn on the cob is estimated at 68, 70 and 72 pounds to the bushel. The first | much is spent on ' 9 as on fuel. In large named figure prevails in Indiana and the cities the average annual consumption is latter in Tennessee.

An Historic Horn.

D. S. White who is here spending the holidays with his brother, Capt. R. F. White, brought with him from his home in Sherman, Texas, an interesting relic of the Mexican war, which he kindly ex-

hibited to a reporter for the News. The treasure is a powder horn, which was loaned Mr. White while he was hunting recently in the Indian Territory, by the aged widow of the late James Mc-Donald, a Texas ranger and veteran cf that war. Mr. White met the lady who is far advanced in years, in a casual way, and she seeing his masonic badge and remembering her husband's enthusiasm in masonic matters, the conversation turned on masonic topics and she brought forth the horn and detailed its interesting history. Though money nor any amount of persuasion would induce her to part permanently with the relic, she loaned it to him and with the proviso that it become his at her death. The horn, presumably that of a Texas

steer, is 18 inches long and would contain about a quart of powder. The trophy is artistically engraved, probably with a penknife. One side bears the inscription in bold letters : "Death or Liberty," and the opposite side is similarly inscribed: "James McDonald, His Horn, 1821." Between these lines is engraved various Masonic emblems and three stars, at regular intervals, symbolic of his native heath, the Lone Star State. There is also a hunting scene elaborately outlined, the andscape consisting of trees on a plain, and in the distance the sun is presented with an expression that says he's done some very effective work down in those parts. In the foreground a hunter with his dog and typical old rifle is depicted, and a squirrel, a duck, an owl, a deer, a bear and a catamount are plainly visible. At the larger end there is a marine scene with a sailing ship in the distance. Near this is outlined the American eagle with wings spread and talons grasping the arrows.

The two ornamental ridges, which are about a sixteenth of an inch high, have een worn down to the surface on the side which came in contact with the body of the warrior and hunter .- Greenville News, 27th.

The First Lecture of William J. Bryan. ATLANTA, GA, Dec. 23 .- The Hon. Wm. J. Bryan opened his lecture tour here to-night at the Grand Opers House

before a large audience. All day long he had been entertained by one organization or another, and he held an almost continuous reception. Governor Atkinson took him to the Executive Mansion in the morning as his guest. At noon the Young Men's Democratic League tendered him a luncheon, and to-night the Fulton Club entertained him. Among the speakers at the luncheon was Ex-

Secretary Hoke Smith. Mr. Bryan was introduced to-night by Hal. T. Lewis, the Georgian who nominated him at Chicago. The late nominee's reception was enthusiastic, and the audience cheering loudly and long. His subject was "The Ancient Landmarks." The subject matter was extremely conservative. There was nothing in it to offend any one. The address was a discussion of governmental questions, Government, said he, is what the people make it, good or bad, as they dictate. They can remedy abuses if they seriously undertake to do so. Often they are indifferent. It has been said that the man who neglects to take part in the controlling government is worse than the men who govern badly.

Mr. Bryan quoted liberally from Jefferson and Jackson. He touched on the leading issues of the recent campaign, but in a non partisan way. The aim, said he, of advocates of different monetary systems is to secure that one which s best for the greatest number of citizens. Men differ as to which system will accomplish that, but all agree that the system which will give a unit of value of the least possible fluctuations is the best In the end the people of this country, and eventually the people of the world, will select that system under which the unit of value is most stable In reaching that decision selfishness must be taken into account. Selfishness is here to stay, but it is not wholly disadvantageous, for it is the manifestation of the instinct of self preservation. Government should not only avoid abuses, but should protect the weaker against the strong. A government substitutes law for force, and right for might. Governments must restrain. Jefferson said that one of the most important duties of a government was to restrain one set of

citizens from injuring others. Trusts were denounced as a means of doing an injury to one's fellow citizens. Mr. Bryan remarked that he did not think any party openly defended trusts. They are permitted to exist because the people are indifferent They could be abolished by legislation or by public opinion. Newspapers form public opinion, but they are not to be expected to do it all. Every individual citizen should exercise his influence, take a position and let it be known. Public opinion is so potent that it can crush out any abuse, even trusts or the use of money in politics. The use of money by political parties is the most pernicious influence in politics. And the party is young, indeed, which does not use money to advance its ends. But it should be remembered that if the use of money is permitted the citizens will themselves be

plundered to recoup the expenditures. Unjust taxation was treated at some ength. The speaker declared unjust taxation to be indirect larceny. It is taking money from one man's pocket and putting it in the pocket of another this country is favoritism in one form or another under the government. This favoritism may be manifested by unjust taxation in different forms.

Mr. Bryan found good results in the recent campaign. It set the people to thinking, a babit which they will keep up. Jesserson said that public officials who are not watched are wolves. Mr. Bryan thinks that hereafter public officials will be more closely watched. Good government consists of jealousy and not over confidence. Over confidence encourages abuse of confidence.

In concluding the lecturer remarked significantly that the Latin poet said we plant trees, the fruit of which we do not expect to pluck. We are laying the foundation now for those who come after us. A part of the foundation work was gotten under way-in the recent campaign. The superstructure will be built later. Mr. Bryan will leave here to morrow morning and he will go to Chicago, whence he will go to his home in Lin-coln. He has a series of lectures booked for Texas.

- The loss by fire during the month of November was smaller than that for any previous months this year, and also less than that for any month in the two previous years. The total loss footed up to \$5,811,800 for 1896, \$10,131,500 for 1895, - Mr. S. W. Scruggs, Secretary of the

is expected that other payments can be - The capital invested in the ice trade \$20,000,000. Twelve thousand tons are collected annually. In some parts as two-thirds of a ton per head,

Married While Hypnotized.

JAMESTOWN, N. Y., Dec. 24.-A man

giving his name as Berton M. Main, and his residence as Sheldon, Illinois, a phrenologist, palmist and hypnotist, came here four weeks ago and engaged room and board at the Woodburn, a high class boarding house. Last night he was married to Miss Mary Whitman, the handout, one or the other. some young sister of the landlady of the Woodburn, but to-night he is in the city jail, having been arrested on a charge of getting the girl under hypnotic influence and then marrying her. The bride say she has no recollection of the marriage of events which followed until to day, and can hardly believe that she was married, but the proof is absolute. The groom was arrested on complaint of the girl' parents, and she joins in the petition for release from the man, whom she claims is very objectionable to her, but when in his presence she makes no complaint. The bride was engaged to be married to another young man of this city, and claims to have had no thought of marrying anyone else. No further action than the arrest of the groom has yet been made, but this will be followed by all possible measures to have the marriage set aside.

Champion Eater of New Jersey.

WESTWOOD, N. J., December 20 .-Charles E. Haring, a merchant in this village, claims to be the champion eater in the State of New Jersey. He has lately made a wager with Chris Wellner, a friend, that he could eat a barrel of apples in one week, the loser to pay for the apples. In less than six days Haring de- C voured the apples and said he would have attacked the barrel itself but for the hickory hoops. Haring says that every day before dinner he eats three cakes of sweet chocolate candy and one pound of Turkish prunes just to give him an appe tite for his meal.

Last night he bet \$1 he could eat 100 oysters. The contest took place in the oyster saloon of Joseph Horn. Mrs. Horn and her husband began opening the oysters, but Haring put them out of sight faster than the two could open them. In less than six minutes he had devoured 103 oysters, all there were in the saloon, and then wanted to bet he could eat 500 more. As there was no more to be had he had to be satisfied. Before he began to eat the oysters he drank two quart bottles of sherry, and when through wanted to bet he could drink two quarts more, but no one would accept the offer. Ever since his boyhood Haring has shown a remarkable capacity for stowing away food. It is said he has been known to have eaten a whole ham and two heads of cabbage at one time.

Clever Postal Robbery.

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.-Several business firms that had wondered why important letters containing large sums of money had been delayed in the mails have received the letters but not the inclosures, stained with the waters of the bay in which they had tossed for two or three days before being picked up. The letters had been opened, the money inside, transmitted by the firm's correspondents in Chicago, Cincinnati, San Francisco, Philadelphia and Pittsburg taken out, after which the thief had dropped the into the bay. Investigation made at the postoffice confirmed the story. The robbery is evidently one of the largest and cleverest ever known in the history of the department and the total loss reaches many thousand dollars. The postoffice officials admit this much, but decline for official reasons to say anything further. It was learned that the mail bags were stolen at a depot in this city from a Western express that reached here Tuesday, that the letters were carried away, that the thieres boarded an outgoing steamer to Europe or to one of the Southern ports.

"All that I am at liberty to tell," said Postmaster Dayton to-day, "is that these letters were found in the bay just off Coney Island, having been dropped by an on'going steamer. That is all we can tell at present. There has been a robbery and postoffice inspectors have the case in

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Don't forget to call in and see me before buying anything in my lines, as I need money and will sell at a very low price. Thanking all my friends for their liberal patronage, I am Yours, &c.,

JOHN T. BURRISS.

OFFICE

TEN CENT STORE,

Christmas Department, ANDERSON, S. C., DECEMBER 9, 1896.

A. B. C. W. X. Y. Z. Santa Claus. In Quarters near North Pole.

MY DEAR FRIEND:

Your kind letter of advice, giving me an outline of your trip this season, has just been received. We are indeed glad to have you make your Headquarters with us while in this section. We promise you the same cordial welcome as heretofore, and much better accommodation. We are trying to have everything ready for your reception. Have engaged special shelter for your high-top baggage sulk. Will secure room at one of the stables in Town for your Reindeer. By the way, you forgot to tell us just how many you would have this season. However, we will secure room for six, as you had four last year, and you certainly need more this to carry the tremendous loads which you are shipping.

Now, you spoke about a couple of Giraffes, Santa. Tell us straight, now Are you in earnest about bringing them along? We find some difficulty in securing stables high enough for them. Suppose will have to let their heads come out through the stable top. And the Dogs. We have arranged a kennel for them. Big and little Dogs. Large and short Dogs. Sleek and fat Dogs. Thick and thin Dogs. Danish Hounds, Newfoundlands and Mastiffs.

You ask if the things have been coming in promptly? Well, considering the quantity you have sent us, we think it is coming in pretty well. We have received at this time some of everything. We are now engaged in putting everything where the little folks can get a peep at it, and where we can just hand the things right out to you when you come. Lots of little folks have already said what they want you to bring them. We have arranged now Whistles, Jumping Jacks, Toy Animals, Menageries, Jacks, Bransen Bulls, etc., Bicycles -toy and large, Mechanical Birds, Climbing Monkeys, Iron Trains, Punch and Judy, Carts of all kinds, Watches, Falsefaces, Drums and Wagons, Horns, Tambourines, Balls and Rattles, Wheelbarrows, Rolling Hoops, Dolls, Carriages, Cradles and Beds, Racing Teams, Magic Lanterns, Sadirons, Steamboats, Tool Boxes, Guns and Pistols, China and Glass Toys of every nature, Vases, Fancy Tableware, Gift Cups and Saucers, Jewelry, Novelties, Photo Albums, Accordeons, Violins, Guitars, Harps, etc.

FIRE WORKS! FIRE WORKS! FIRE WORKS! Crackers, Candles, Rockets, Balloons and everything. The Devil among the Tailors, Dragons' Nests, and all for fun.

Well, we will look for you here any time from now till the 24th of this Yours always truly,

27 South Public Square.

the night of Dec. 24. Best ever given in Anderson.

Little Folks, look out for Santa Claus about the night of Dec. 24. We expect him in Anderson at any minute. Grand Free Fire Works Exhibition in Front of Store at Ten o'clock on

Words are Cheap,

Though they seem to constitute the principal stock in trade of some people.

Cold Facts and Figures represented by Reliable Goods and Prices are to be relied upon.

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In our 21 years' active business experience we have never been in a position to serve the people so well and save them so much money on their purchases as we are to-day, and were never so much in earnest about doing business as we are about now.

Notwithstanding our heavy sales to parties near and far we are overloaded on many lines of goods, as our New York buyer seems to think he can't load us too heavy when he can get them at such ruinously low prices for prompt cash, as he did during the squally election times just past when 100 per cent. on call. This is the advantage of always having a shrewd select from a stock of goods well bought and that will not fall far short of \$100-000 in value can do so by calling around

at our store. Many goods are on the advance. This is the day of gigantic trusts and and August a tremendous lot. consumers are compelled to pay tribute, and the promise of the near future is they are to be still more fostered and encouraged. It seems the hide and leather market has been again cornered. So look out for high priced Shoes. We are well "heeled" and are prepared to name prices on many new desirable solid goods less than formerly. For instance, we will sell you the best men's home-made, a No. 1 Kip, Ga., or English Tie that we sold a year ago for \$1.50 now \$1.00. Men's receiving fresh Genuine Calf, Dongola top, sold last year \$2.00, now \$1.25. A solid Men's Goods and Trim Buff or yeal calf at 95c. that formerly nery, &c. Freig sold for \$1.25. Several lines of ladies' and children's goods are being sold in our express bills the same proportion. We frankly admit that throughout the store our values are not uniform, i. e., in some rare bargains far goods our purchases are more fortunate earlier in the sea

WE have been so busy this season | than in others. We are also pleased that we have hardly found time to to divide the profit on our most lucky write an advertisement unless we tres- purchases with our customers. If passed upon the Sabbath, but the "ox asked on what particular department was not in the ditch," and this was of our business we thought we were unnecessary as the people seemed to strongest and could save the people know where to come to buy their goods | the most money, our answer would be

> Men's and Boys' Hats. Clothing, Overcoats and

Furnishings. Our recent additions to these were rare bargains that must be seen to be

In House Furnishings

we are strong 10 solid cases of Bed money in New York was worth 50 to Blankets received from one factory recently that we can retail at less than we ever bought them at before. In representative in the Metropolis, but table damask, napkins doylies, towels, takes money to keep this kind of a ready-made sheets, pillow cases, winthing rolling, and any who wishes to dow curtains, shades and fixtures, &c., we can do you good. Staple Cotton Goods are on the advance but we are daily selling many Domestics for less money than when cotton was 5 cents. Why.? Because we bought last July

> IN MILLINERY We offer 4 doz. Felt Hats, assorted shapes, at 25c., marked down from 50 and 75c. 2 doz. Black Felt Walking Hats at 75c., from \$1.00. This has been a record son with us.

It goes witho Goods and Fur the advanced le and the rush ha item this season. Our buyer is n

If you would consult your interest, you amine our Stock before buying any more Good

Yours earnestly,

R. J. IIILL.

Agent for Butterick's Patterns.

N. B.-Miss Terry, the Artistic Dress-maker, still has all the work she can do.

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OVERCOATS

DECEMBER 1st

- UNTIL ---

CHRISTMAS.

Now is the time to secure a nice Overcoat at a very low price. The cold weather is here to stay, and we want to sell; every one of our Overcoats.

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